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No major fighting developed in the Phnom Penh area or elsewhere in Cambodia over the weekend. Cambodian Army 1st Division forces operating south-southwest of Phnom Penh yesterday mounted a new drive to clear small groups of Khmer Communist troops from positions on the north bank of the Prek Thnaot River, but no significant progress has thus far been reported. The 3rd Division's sweep operation from the junction of Routes 3/201 eastward along Route 201 has fared no better against stiff resistance from insurgent artillery and mortar crews. Southeast of Phnom Penh, government forces were busy consolidating positions between Route 1 and the Bassac River. Some action was reported on the capital's northwestern front, centering about 15 miles northwest of Phnom Penh, as government troops continued efforts to reopen Route 5.

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